YOUR BELOVED JUNIOR,
[RIKUDO]
YOU WANTED TO PUT HIM AT A DISAD-VANTAGE ...
WHICH IS WHY YOU TRAINED KOJI, RIGHT, MR. FORMER CHAMPION?
THE WOMAN SEES THROUGH IT ALL.
SHUT UP AND STOP WHINING.
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I JUST WANTED TO HIT HIM SO I HIT HIM. IS THERE ANYTHING WRONG WITH THAT?
ONLY MAKE A PUNCH OF YOUR OWN INTENTION.
MANY HAVE BEEN ASKING FOR IT!
THE BRAND NEW VOLUME 2 WILL HIT THE SHELVES ON DECEMBER 19TH!
CHAPTER 29: TOKOROZAWA'S SHADOW
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RIKABURI
SPIRITED FIRST SERIES!!
FULL OF SPIRIT- THIS IS THE MANGA SHOWCASING RIKU IZAMI'S STERN BOXING WAY!
YOSHIMITSU MATSUBARA

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WHAM WHOOSH!
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HAH!

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THEY'RE DIFFERENT FROM THE FISTS OF THAT BILL COLLECTOR.. HIS FELT LIKE A HAMMER YOU USE TO POUND MEAT.
"SLASH" AND
"CRUSH".
THE QUALITY BETWEEN THE TWO MIGHT BE DIFFERENT BUT HE ISN'T ORDINARY EITHER.
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HE ALSO UNDERSTANDS WHERE TO LAND HIS HITS FOR THEM TO BE AS EFFECTIVE AS POSSIBLE.
HIS OPPONENT MOVES, HE FOLLOWS, PUNCHES, AND SECURES HIS TARGET LOCATION WITHOUT BEING A SINGLE MILLIMETER OFF.
ALSO...
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HE CAN READ THROUGH THE BARRAGE AND RHYTHM, ON TOP OF WHICH HE ALSO KNOWS HIGH LEVEL TECHNIQUES.
IT'S TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM THE THEORY "STOP HIM WITH A LOT OF JABS" TO COUNTER IN-FIGHTING, HIS PUNCHES HAVE THEIR OWN PECULIAR TIMING...

DESPITE BEING YOUNG, HE'S SPENT MOST OF HIS TIME ON BOXING, NO... HE'S DEVOTED HIMSELF ENTIRELY TO IT.
I UNDERSTAND THAT TOO.
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DD
BUT...

SO LIGHT...
STOPS
HE CAN'T PUT HIM DOWN...
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I'VE BEEN RECEIVING KICKS MUCH MORE POWERFUL THAN FISTS FOR YEARS...
SO IN COMPARISON, YOUR FISTS ARE EXTREMELY LIGHT.

IT'S LIKE IT'S NOT WORKING... EVEN MORE SO THAN WHAT I EXPECTED...
I'VE NEVER FELT... SOMETHING LIKE THIS BEFORE!
ALSO, TSUWA-BUKI ...

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GRRR
GRRRR
HE'S GOT HIM ON THE ROPES!
HE FORCIBLY WENT FOR AN IN-FIGHT...
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THE WAY HE GOES FOR THE FINISH, AND THE WAY HE ATTACKS
JUST...
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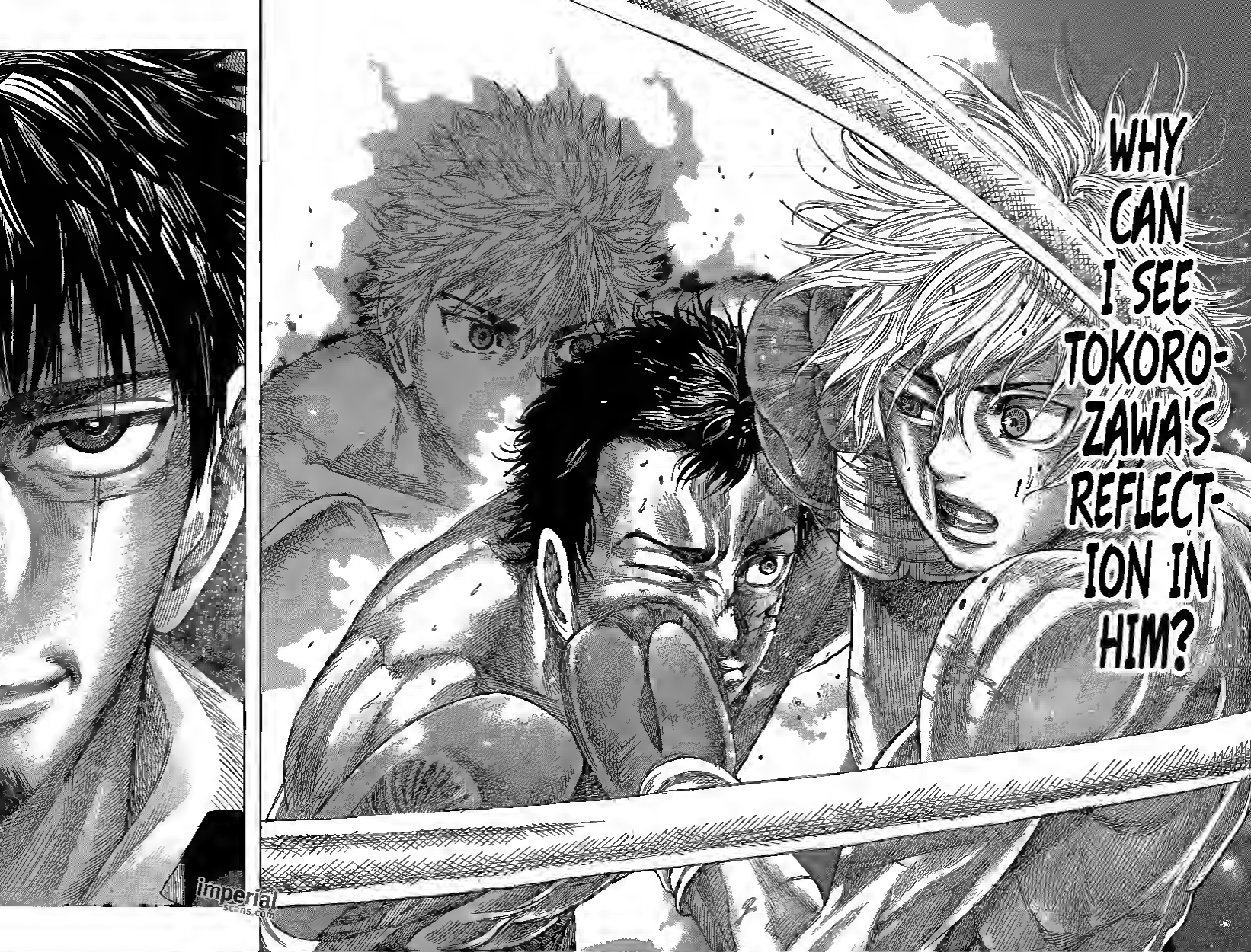
WHY CAN I SEE TOKORO-ZAWA'S REFLECT-ION IN HIM?

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THE KID'S WEAKNESS
WILL PROBABLY GET EXPOSED BECAUSE OF THIS.
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WHAT WILL RIKU DO IN FACE OF TSUWABUKI, THE WALL BUILT BY TOKOROZAWA?!
29
END
NEXT ISSUE: THE SITUATION CHANGES?!
RIKUDO

THE KID'S GONNA REVEAL HIS TRUE COLORS.
HUH?
BABA'S PREDICTION.
[RIKUDO]

CHAPTER 30:
NOT CUT OUT FOR BOXING
IN A SUDDEN BURST, HE WOVE HIS WAY THROUGH AN OPENING!
ストーン
RIKU
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THE BRAND NEW VOLUME 2 GOES ON SALE ON 12/19!
KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED AND LOOK AT RIKU AZAMI'S UNWAVERING BOXING WAY!
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TOSHIMITSU MATSUBARA

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RETURN TO YOUR NEUTRAL CORNER
THE ONE THAT WAS PUTTING ON THE PRESSURE GOT DOWNED!!! AWESOME
THAT DUDE FROM THE BLUE CORNER WAS GETTING PUNCHED LIKE CRAZY BUT SUDDENLY DOWNED HIS OPPONENT IN ONE PUNCH!!
TSUWABUKIII!
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IT WENT THROUGH, SOMEHOW.
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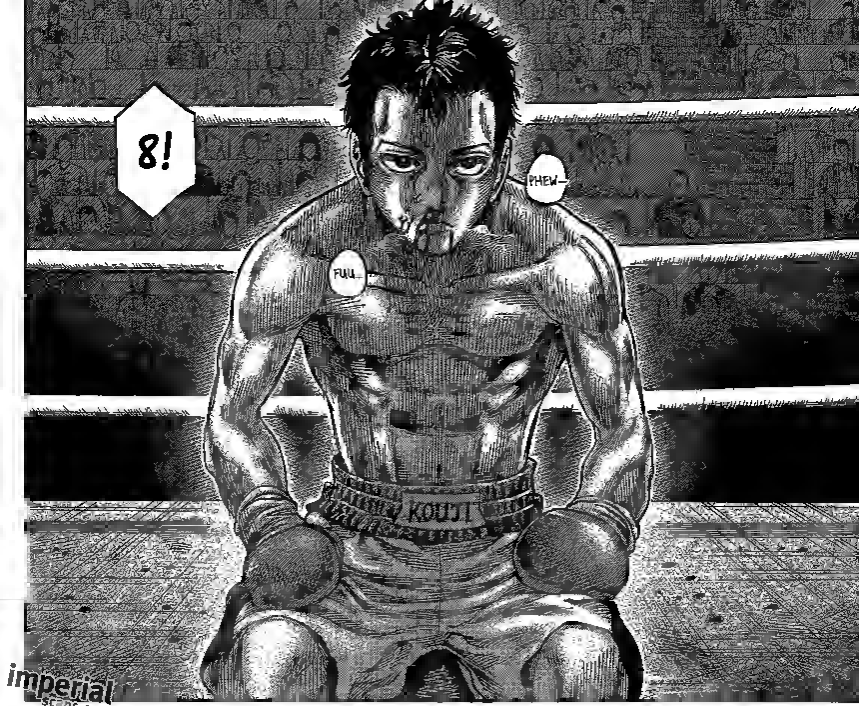
NO MATTER HOW NUMEROUS OR STRONG YOUR OPPONENT'S PUNCHES ARE, THIS TECHNIQUE MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO GET AT HIS CONSCIOUSNESS AS LONG AS YOUR COUNTERATTACK IS UNEXPECTED.
THIS IS A TECHNIQUE WHERE YOU SINK YOUR BODY IN THE ROPES, AVOID YOUR OPPONENT'S BLOWS AND COUNTER.
YOU JUST HAPPENED TO THROW ME OFF GUARD.
ROPE-A-DOPE! AS EXPECTED OF RIKU.



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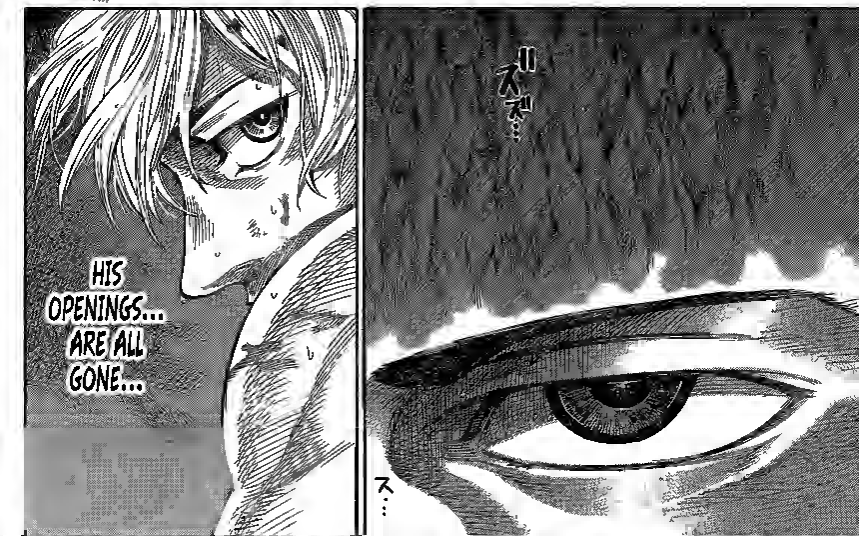

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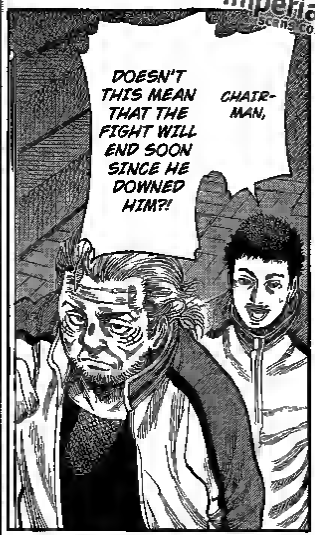
MAKE SURE TO TOTALLY KILL HIM... KID...


CHAIR-MAN,
DOESN'T THIS MEAN THAT THE FIGHT WILL END SOON SINCE HE DOWNED HIM?!

THERE IS A SWITCH, EVEN TO TOUGH-NESS.
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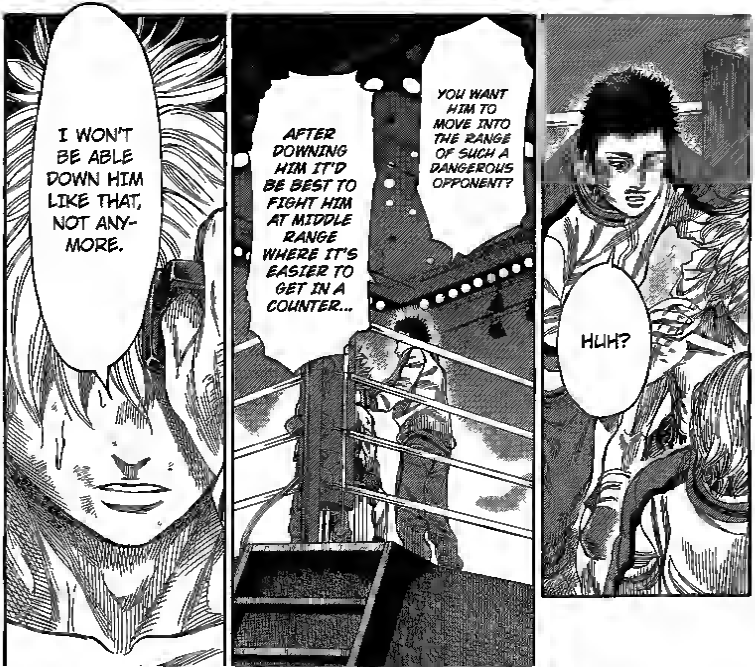
I WON'T BE ABLE DOWN HIM LIKE THAT, NOT ANY-MORE.
AFTER DOWNING HIM IT'D BE BEST TO FIGHT HIM AT MIDDLE RANGE WHERE IT'S EASIER TO GET IN A COUNTER...
YOU WANT HIM TO MOVE INTO THE RANGE OF SUCH A DANGEROUS OPPONENT?
HUH?

HUFF..
ONCE YOU'VE EXPERI-ENCED A PAIN
YOU CAN ENDURE IT...
HUFF..
HUFF..
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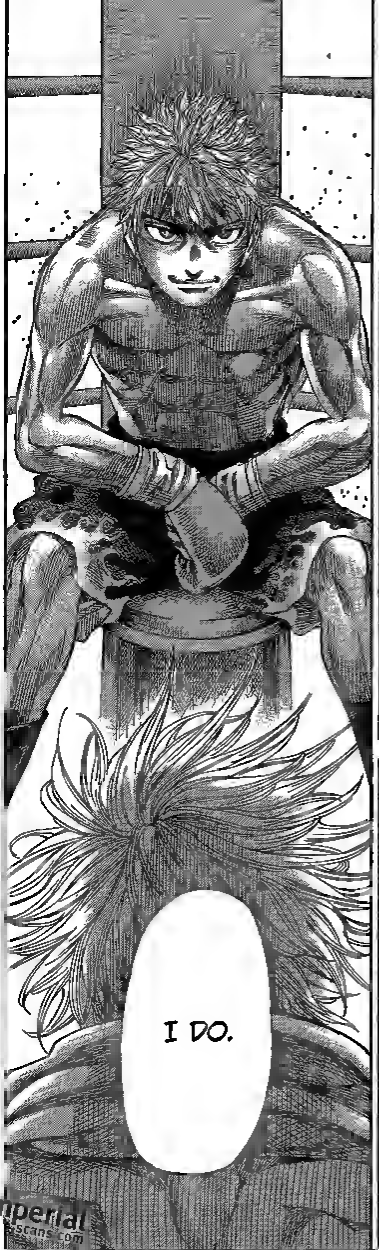
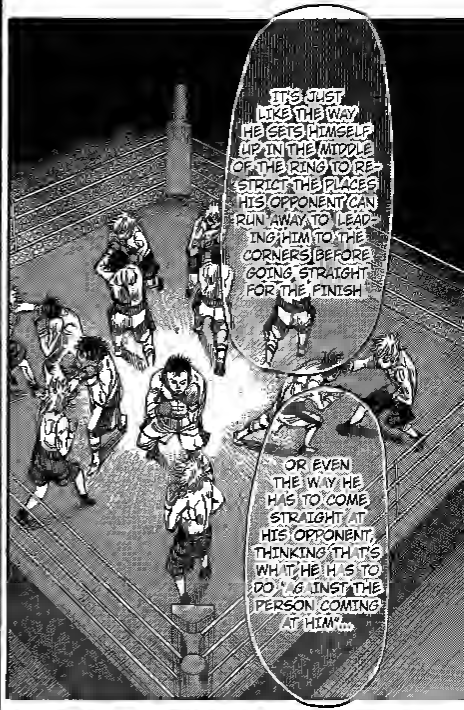
YOU CAN... PREPARE YOURSELF FOR IT IN ADVANCE IN BOTH BODY AND SOUL..!
... RIKU...




IT'S JUST LIKE THE WAY HE SETS HIMSELF UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE RING TO RESTRICT THE PLACES HIS OPPONENT CAN RUN AWAY TO LEADING HIM TO THE CORNERS BEFORE GOING STRAIGHT FOR THE FINISH.
OR EVEN THE WAY HE HAS TO COME STRAIGHT AT HIS OPPONENT, THINKING TH IT'S WH IT HE H S TO DO. G INST THE PERSON COMING AT HIM."

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THE PEOPLE KO'D BY TOKORO-ZAWA...
THEY ALL RETREATED INSTEAD!!
THEY STARTED EXCHANG-ING BLOW!! IS THIS THE LAST ROUND?!
RIGHT OFF THE BAT?!

I DON'T KNOW WHY THAT MORON HAS MOVEMENTS SIMILAR TO KYOSUKE'S BUT...
IT SEEMS THAT DESPITE BEING A C-CLASS, HE'S NOT JUST SOME IDIOT THAT CAN ONLY GO FORWARD WITH ALL HE HAS...
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THE KID KNOWS THAT IN-FIGHTING WOULD BECOME ONE OF THE COUNTER-MEASURES BUT...
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ONE SECOND AT SUPER CLOSE RANGE IS EXTREMELY DENSE.

HIT 'IM,
HIT 'IM,
HIT 'IM,
HIT 'IM!!
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THAT ONE SECOND IS ENOUGH TO TEAR OFF A BOXER'S "TECHNIQUES" AND SOFTEN HIS GUARD.

THE KID'S WEAKNESS WILL COME TO LIGHT ONCE ALL HIS TECHNIQUES HAVE BEEN BREACHED THROUGH...
EVEN THE "TECHNIQUE" TO GET AWAY FROM THE DAMAGE RECEIVED.

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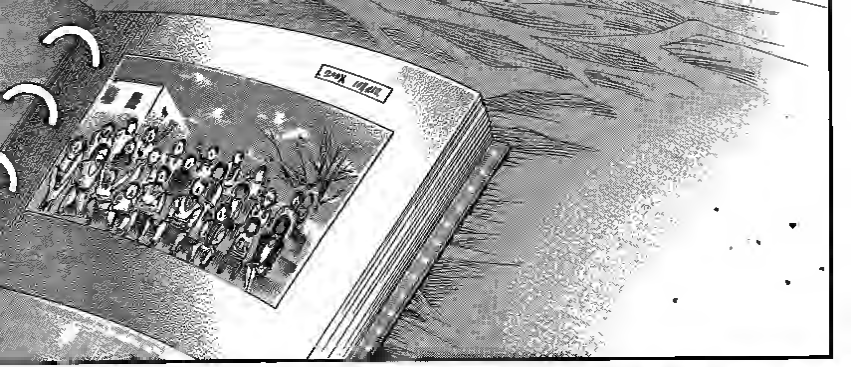

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RIKU ISN'T CUT OUT FOR BOXING...
EVEN THOUGH...
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...GULP...
...I CAN'T... GET HIM TO STOP...
HAH...
...I DON'T GET IT...

DOWN.
HUFF
BROUGHT TO HIS KNEES FOR THE FIRST TIME.
HUFF...
THE REAL YOU WHO'S UNABLE TO TAKE A HIT...
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CHAPTER 31:
CONSTANT CHANGE
DON'T LOOK ANYWHERE ELSE IF YOU GOT ANY LIFE IN YOU!
SPIRITED FIRST SERIES!
TOSHIMITSU MATSUBARA
THE BRAND-NEW VOLUME 2 HITS MY THE SHELVES ON THE 19TH OF DECEMBER!!
DON'T NEGLECT IT. THIS IS RIKU AZAMI'S THIN AND STEEP BOXING STORY!

RIKU GETS HIS FIRST DOWN EVER WHILE FACING TSUWABUKI.
BURAAAA
HUFF.
HUFF...

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AARGH
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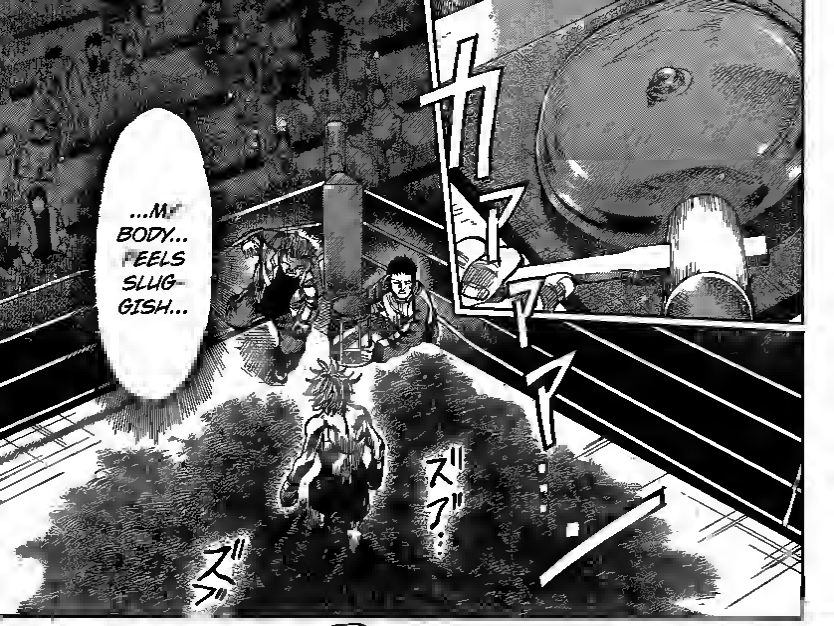
I DIDN'T... LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS AT ALL BUT I STILL GOT DOWNED...
...MY BODY


...MY BODY... FEELS SLUG-GISH...
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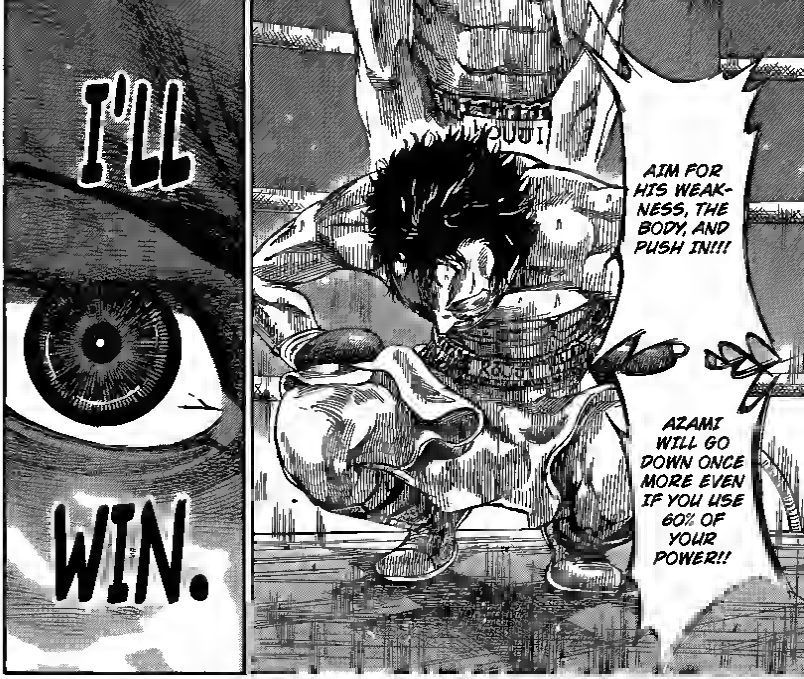
NOT ONLY DOES IT HAVE A LOT OF MOMENTUM BUT THE WAY THEY WENT FOR THE FINISH TOWARDS THE ROPES AND THOSE COUN-TERS... THEIR TECHNIQUES ARE BOTH HIGH-END.
THAT AIN'T A C-LEVEL FIGHT...
BUT, THAT GUY IN THE RED CORNER...

AWE-SOME. THEY'RE GONNA SLUG IT OUT IN THIS FIGHT.
THINGS ARE GONNA HEAT UP NOW THAT TSUWABUKI GAVE HIM A TASTE OF HIS OWN MEDICINE!

RIKU, YOU'RE BEING A BIT OVER-DRAMATIC.
THAT BODY BLOW WASN'T A BIG DEAL, WAS IT?
I'M GUESSING THE CHAIR-MAN WAS WORRIED ABOUT RIKU TAKING A BODY BLOWN ALL ALONG...
I NEVER WOULD HAVE THOUGHT RIKU WOULD HAVE SUCH BAD AFFIN-ITY WITH PUSHY FIGHTERS...
HE EVENED... THE PLAYING FIELD... WITH THAT BODY BLOW...

FOR A MOMENT...
I SAW A GLIMPSE OF MR. TOKORO-ZAWA'S SHADOW IN HIM.
WHY...
DOES IT FEEL LIKE HE'S HIT-TING ME BE-CAUSE MR. TOKOROZAWA TAUGHT HIM MY WEAK-NESS..
ALL THE HYPOTH-ESES I MADE AFTER SEEING THOSE FILMS ARE COMING TRUE...
LET ME TELL YOU THE INSTRUC-TIONS FOR THE NEXT ROUND.


I'LL
WIN.
AIM FOR HIS WEAKNESS, THE BODY, AND PUSH IN!!!
AZAMI WILL GO DOWN ONCE MORE EVEN IF YOU USE 60% OF YOUR POWER!!

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TSUWABUKI... IS YOUR BODY REALLY ALL RIGHT?
PUSH IN?

WITHOUT THESE, I WOULD'VE JUST TURNED INTO A PUNCHING BAG.
THAT OLD MAN TRAINED ME AND NOW I CAN MAKE COMPACT CONNECTIONS; THE WAY I PUNCH AND GO FOR THE FINISH TOWARDS THE ROPES... IT SEEMS LIKE BOXING THAT WAS ESPECIALLY MADE TO BE USED AGAINST AZAMI.

I TOLD YOU THE PUNCH FELT MUCH LIGHTER COMPARED TO KICKS, RIGHT?
ROUND 3!
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RIKI

THE FEAR OF AOI DYING...
I'VE GOT TO GET HER OUT OF THAT DIRE SITUATION.
THIS SITUATION IS NOTHING COMPARED TO WHAT SHE'S FACING!
SO HEAVY...

WHOOSH
YOU TOLD HIM TO GO FORWARD FOR THIS ROUND TOO?!
HE'LL GET DOWNED AGAIN IF HE RECEIVES ANOTHER BODY BLOW!!
THE KID MIGHT KNOW THE FEAR OF DEFEAT BUT,
THERE IS THE PROBLEM OF... WHETHER HE CAN MOVE FORWARD EVEN AT THE RISK OF HIS LIFE.
HE'S ONLY IN DANGER BECAUSE HE STILL HASN'T REACHED THE CENTER OF THE TYPHOON.

NO, HALF A STEP...
HOW CAN I PUSH IN MORE?
ONE MORE STEP...
SQUEAK
THAT'S THE ONLY PLACE WHERE I CAN FIGHT... BUT,
FINDING THE SAFE SPOT THAT CAN KILL OFF THE ROTATION OF HIS PUNCHES,
THEN...
IF I TAKE A BODY BLOW...

FALL, AZAMI!!
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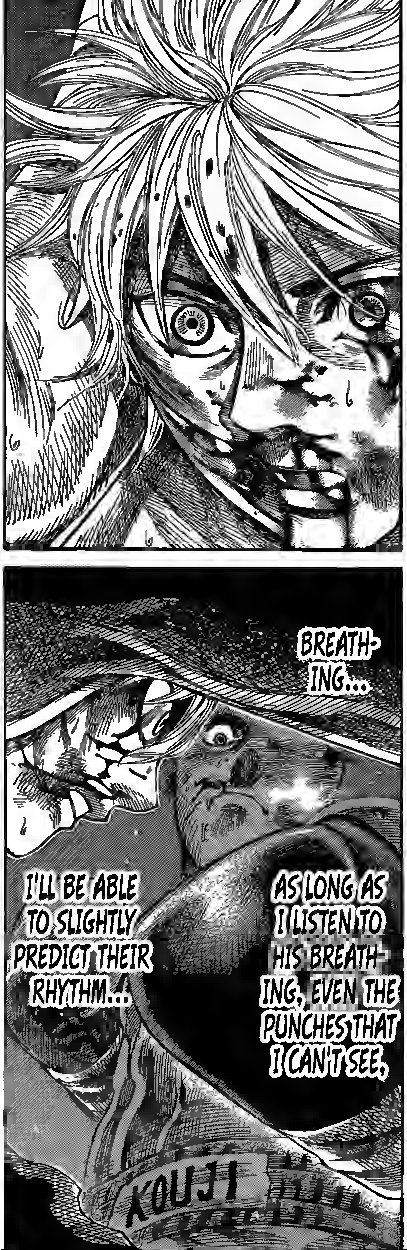
WHY... IS IT THAT...
HIS RUSH TO PREVENT ME FROM ADVANCING... TOTALLY RESEMBLES... TOKOROZAWA'S?
IT'S ONLY HALF A STEP...
BUT... I CAN'T STEP INTO HIS RANGE ANYMORE...
SLUMP
SSSST...

HM.
HIS BREATH-ING... HAS STOPPED...
IT'S COMING.


BREATH-
ING...
I'LL BE ABLE TO SLIGHTLY PREDICT THEIR RHYTHM...
AS LONG AS I LISTEN TO HIS BREATH-ING, EVEN THE PUNCHES THAT I CAN'T SEE,
KOUJI

I WENT IN BY HALF A STEP!
BUNK
TO KILL OFF YOUR OPPONENT'S PUNCHES WITH YOUR "BODY" AND TO FOCUS YOUR PUNCHES ON THE PARTS COMING AT YOU.
THAT'S A BOXING STYLE...
TOKORO-ZAWA TAUGHT YOU!!

TO HIT
PEOPLE
BACK!!

FISTS
ARE
MADE

RIKU CINCHES THE FIGHT WITH A BLOW TO THE TEMPLE. TSUWABUKI SLOWLY FALLS BACK DOWN TO THE MAT...!!

...FALL...

DOWN...

CHAPTER 32: A MAN'S REGRET
VOLUME 2 WILL HIT THE SHELVES ON THE 19TH OF DECEMBER!
A LIFE OR DEATH STRUGGLE IS ALWAYS A FIERCE FIGHT.
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THE TABLES HAVE TURNED ONCE AGAIN!! I CAN'T BELIEVE DEVELOPMENTS LIKE THIS ARE HAPPENING IN A 4 ROUNDER MATCH!!
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY TIMES,
JUST SMASH THE STRENGTH OF THEIR FEELINGS!
リバウンド
YOU'VE FINALLY GOT THIS, RIKU!!!
TOSHIKATSU KATSUKAKA
GREATLY POPULAR AND REALLY WELL RECEIVED! THE SOUL GRINDING BOXING STORY!!

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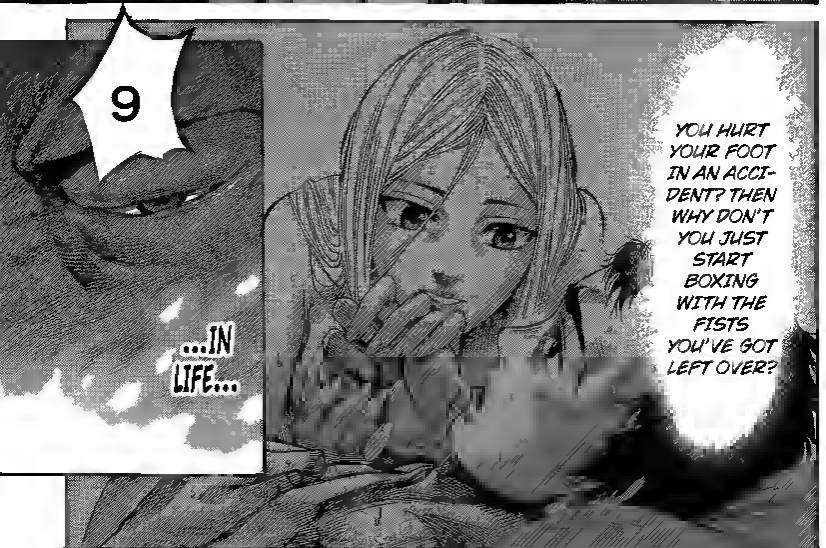

YOU'VE GOTTA
DO WHAT-EVER YOU POSSIBLY CAN.
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CAN YOU HEAR ME?! WHAT'S GOING ON WITH YOU?!
TSHWA-BUKI!!
SSF

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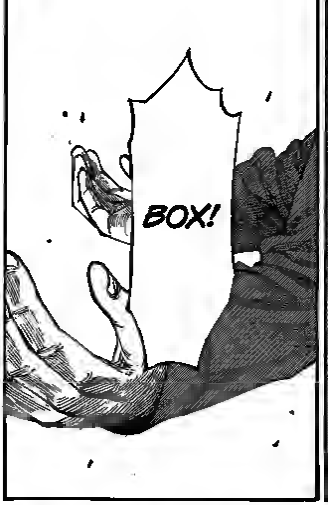

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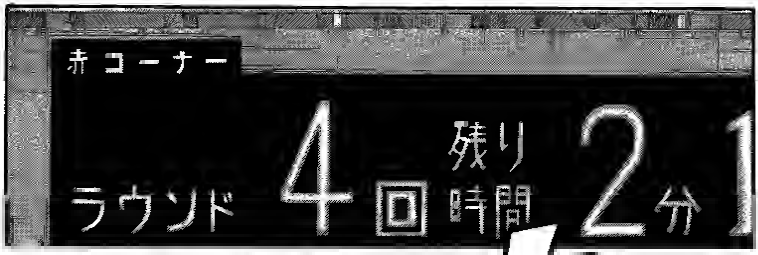

...LIFE... HAS BEEN A SERIES OF LOSSES FOR ME...
SHE PICKED UP THE PIECES OF MY BROKEN HEART AFTER I HAD BECOME UNABLE TO KICKBOX, BUT NOW,
EVEN AOI, WITH WHOM I'VE GOTTEN CLOSE WITH, WILL LEAVE ME SOON.
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IF I LOSE AGAIN, I'LL HAVE...
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HUH?
GET READY TO HEAD HOME.
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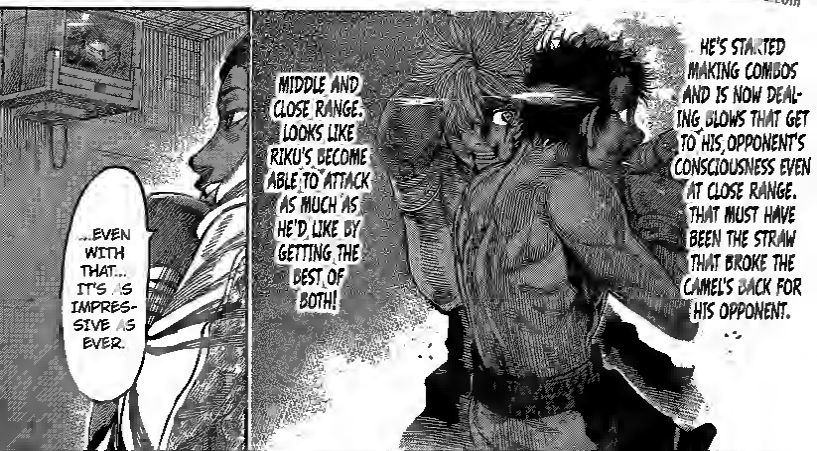
...EVEN WITH THAT... IT'S AS IMPRESSIVE AS EVER.
MIDDLE AND CLOSE RANGE. LOOKS LIKE RIKU'S BECOME ABLE TO ATTACK AS MUCH AS HE'D LIKE BY GETTING THE BEST OF BOTH!
HE'S STARTED MAKING COMBOS AND IS NOW DEALING BLOWS THAT GET TO HIS OPPONENT'S CONSCIOUSNESS EVEN AT CLOSE RANGE. THAT MUST HAVE BEEN THE STRAW THAT BROKE THE CAMEL'S BACK FOR HIS OPPONENT.

EVEN THOUGH HE'S GUARANTEED TO WIN,
HE CONTINUES TO ATTACK WITHOUT HOLDING BACK...
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TSUWA-BUKI!
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OVER-WHELM HIM!!
I'VE GOTTA
BRING HIM DOWN!!
RIKU
RAAARGH
HE'S TRYING TO GET A HOLD OF VICTORY BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY... I CAN FEEL HIS FEELINGS SEEP-ING OUT OF HIS FISTS.
THAT HE'LL GET ME AND BRING ME DOWN!!

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YOU, BOXERS...
MIGHT NOT BE CUT OUT FROM THE SAME CLOTH BUT,
FIGHT!
I CAN STILL FIGHT!!
BUT...

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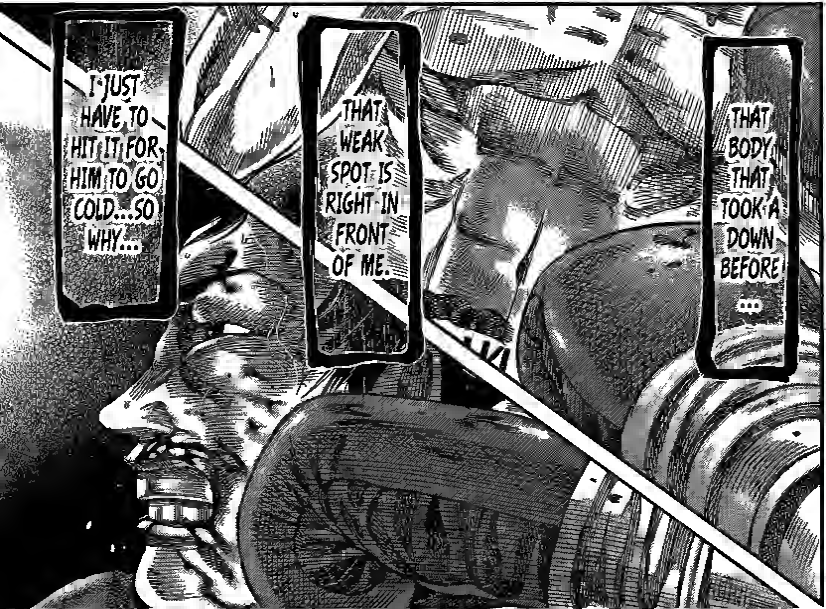

PAT
WHY IS THIS BODY I PRIDE MYSELF IN...
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GIMME A BREAK, WILL -YOU?!
KILL- ING ME TOO...

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FIGHT OVER!!
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WHEN I DECIDED TO QUIT KICK-BOXING...
WINNER: RIKU AZAMI IN THE RED CORNER!!
WAS IT ALL OVER FOR ME THEN?
THE MAN GOES DOWN.
NEXT TIME: WHAT WILL AO DO ONCE SHE HEARS OF THE OUTCOME OF THE FIGHT??
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END RIKUDO

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HI-FI

I'M NO WINNER.

CHAPTER 33: VISIT

VOLUME 2 WILL HIT THE SHELVES ON THE 19TH OF DECEMBER!

GREATLY POPULAR AND REALLY WELL RECEIVED! THIS IS THE BOXING STORY OF NIKU AZAMI AS HE WALKS A THORNY PATH!

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TOSHIMITSU MATSUBARA

I SEE.
SO HE LOST.
THE RESULTS ARE HEADING HER WAY.
...COUGH
THANK YOU, MR. TSUMUGI.
I UNDERSTAND..
HE LOST AGAIN... WHAT A SHAME. MR. FORMER CHAMPION, KOJI WAS HOSPITALIZED.
COUGH... COUGH!!
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I GUESS CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER FOR JUNIOR'S WIN.
RIGHT.
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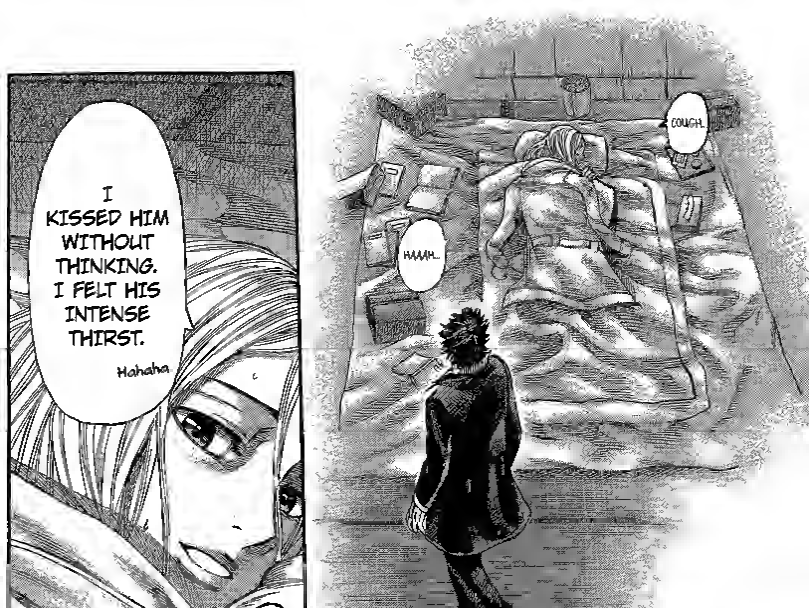
HUH?
HE'S A NICE KID TOO.
YOU'RE NOT EVEN GOING TO PRAISE HIM? I FEEL BAD FOR HIM.
HEH!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT HE'S JUST PREVENTING ME FROM DOING MY WORK


I KISSED HIM WITHOUT THINKING. I FELT HIS INTENSE THIRST.
Hahaha
COUGH.
HAAH.
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BE WITH HIM AS LONG AS YOU CAN.
THAT KID, HE'S THE TYPE OF PERSON THAT WON'T LIVE LONG BE-CAUSE OF BOXING.
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FSH
FSH
WHO KNOWS HOW LONG YOU'LL BE ABLE TO BE TOGETHER AGAIN.
PWIP
PWIP
DRIP
PLOP

I COULDN'T KNOCK HIM OUT...
!!!
HAAH...
DO
IT WON'T EASILY BREAK, HUH?
SO WHEN THE SPIRIT EXCEEDS WHAT THE BODY CAN DO...
THAT DOESN'T MEAN MY PUNCHES DIDN'T WORK, THOUGH. HE ONLY ENDURED THEM BECAUSE SOMETHING WAS KEEPING HIM UP.
TSUWABUKI... ONLY SAT DOWN WHEN THE FINAL BELL RANG...
...
RIKU!
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CONGRATS ON PASSING THE QUALIFIERS.
You're all beat up.
兵動
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HYODO ...
I WANT 'EM TOO.
HUH?
I WANTED TO TALK LOTS AFTER THE END OF YOUR FIGHT BUT YOU'LL BE GOING BACK RIGHT AWAY BECAUSE OF THE DAMAGE YOU TOOK RIGHT? GUESS WE'LL MEET AGAIN IN OUR FIGHT FOR THE SECOND ROUND THEN

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HERE COMES HYODO!!
HE'S ALREADY GETTING IN!!
GET THE CAMERA!
HURRY!
IT'S HYODO'S TURN!!
HERE YOU ARE, KID.
IMMA STAY HERE A BIT LONGER SO GET YOUR ASS BACK HOME AND GET SOME REST.
...DID YOU ALSO INJURE YOUR FIST?

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NO.
IT'S NOTH-ING, SIR.
I PUNCHED... MY OPPONENT LIKE I WANTED TO KILL HIM?

I NEVER THOUGHT, I'D BE TOLD THAT WHILE DOING BOX-ING...
I'M USED TO HEARING THIS WORD, JUST LIKE IT'S A KEYWORD. YET, IT FEELS LIKE I WAS TOLD THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME.
MUR-DERER...

I GUESS SLEEP ONLY CAME TO YOU AFTER GIVING IT YOUR ALL...
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す…！
HOW CLUMSY OF YOU.
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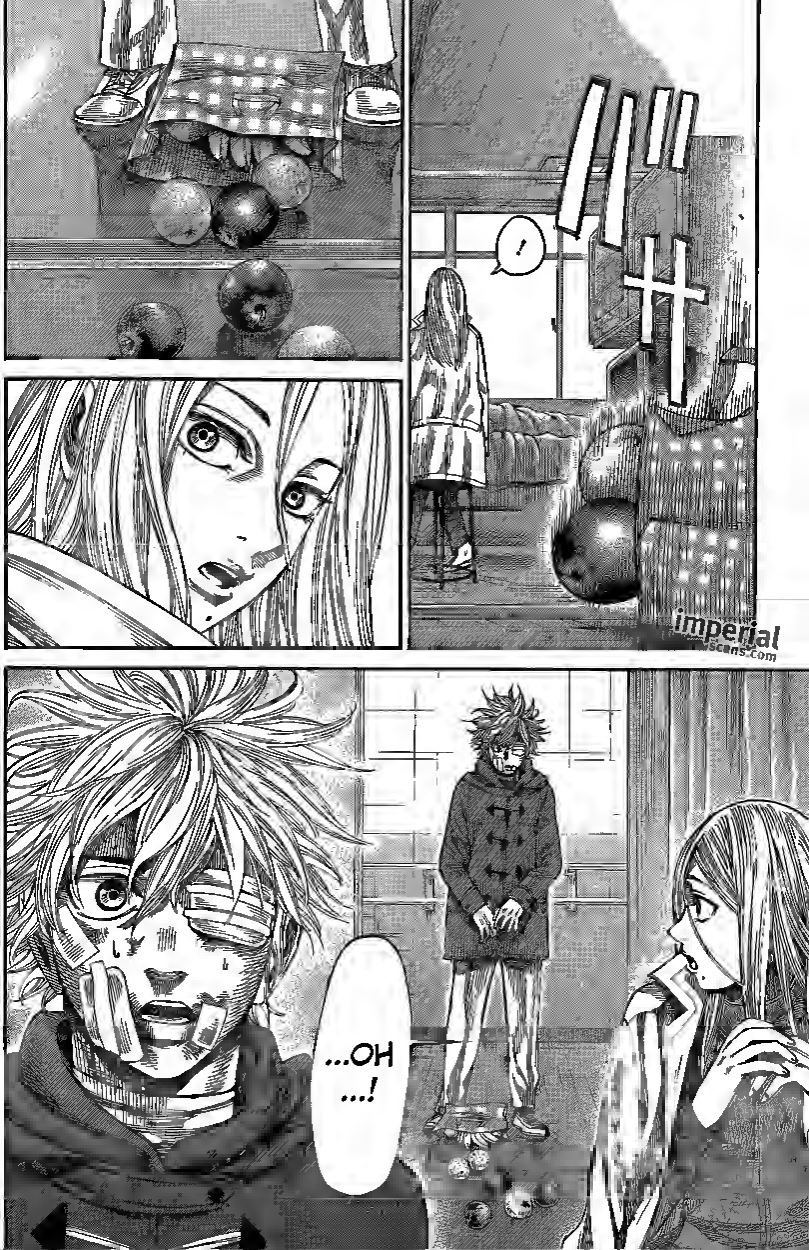
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...OH ...!

HUH...?
.....
SHE'S!
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I WON'T ATTACK YOU ANYMORE SO NO NEED TO PANIC LIKE THAT, OK?
WH-
WHY IS SHE IN TSUWA-BUKI'S ROOM?!
LOOKS LIKE THESE APPLES COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN ANY GREENER, HEH?

.....
UM...
ABOUT MR. TSUWABUKI
WANT TO SEE HIM? HIS FACE IS ALL BLOATED UP, AS EXPECTED OF A LOSER.
WINNERS HAVE SPECIAL RIGHTS IN HOW THEY HANDLE LOSERS.
THE ONLY TIME YOU'LL GET TO PAY YOUR RESPECTS TO HIM WITH THAT FACE IS NOW... SINCE AFTERWARDS YOU'LL PROBABLY FORGET HIM
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すぅ…
すぅ…
YOU'VE WON YOUR RIGHTS FOR A NEXT TIME, SO DON'T THINK OF ANYTHING YOU SHOULDN'T BE THINKING OF.
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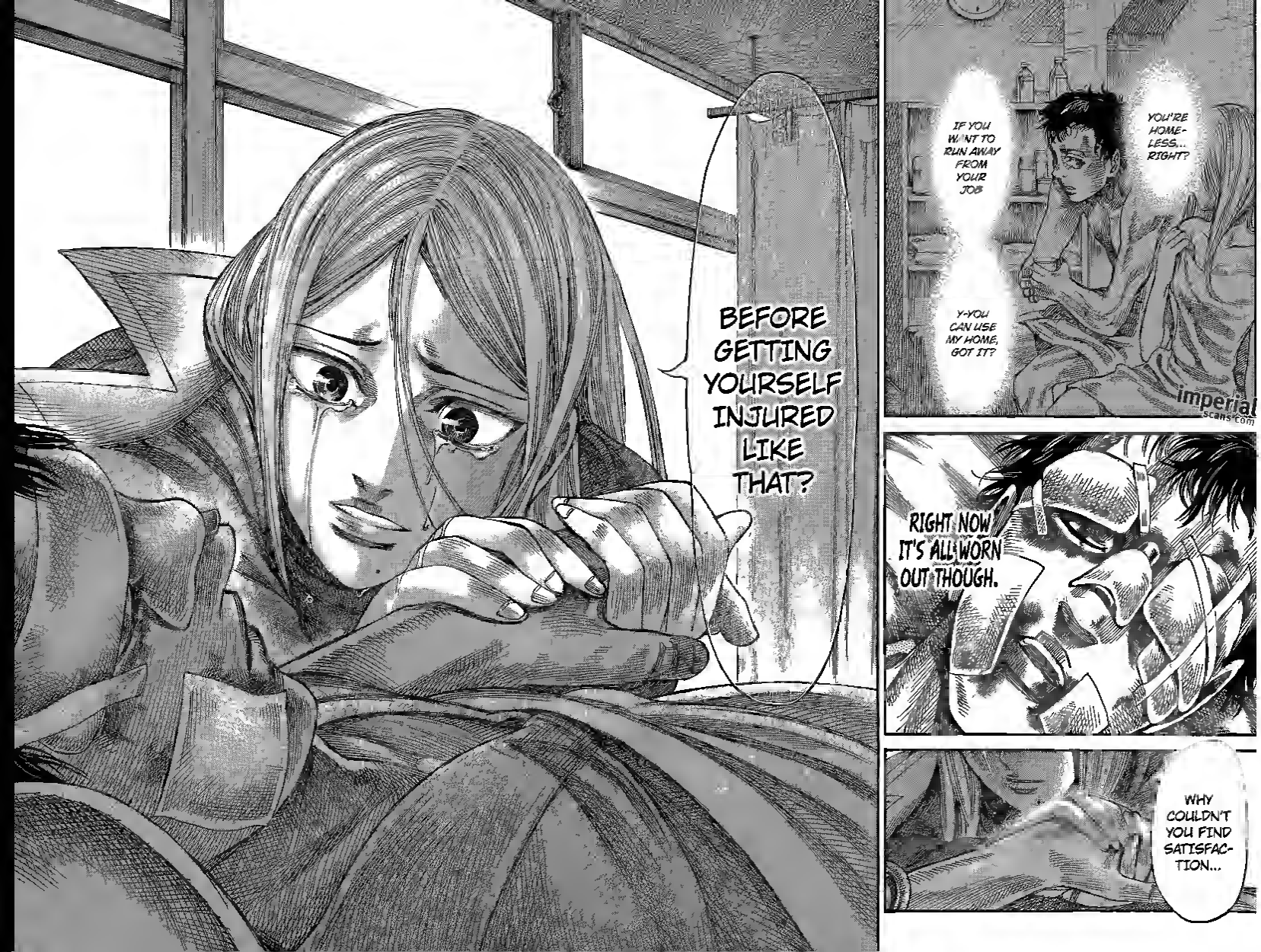
GEEZ
YOU'RE NOT FIT AT ALL TO LIVE IN THIS COMPETITIVE WORLD, YOU KNOW?


BEFORE GETTING YOURSELF INJURED LIKE THAT?
YOU'RE HOME-LESS... RIGHT?
IF YOU W/NT TO RUN AWAY FROM YOUR JOB
Y-YOU CAN USE MY HOME, GOT IT?
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RIGHT NOW IT'S ALL WORN OUT THOUGH.
WHY COULDN'T YOU FIND SATISFAC-TION...

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BNK
I SHOULDN'T THINK OF MY OPPONENT.
WHAT DID I WANT TO PROVE BY COMING HERE...?

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NEXT ISSUE
WHY FINALLY TALKS TO TOKUSHIMA IN A WHILE?!

END▸ RIKUDD

IN HIS SIGHT IS THE PERSON...
[RIKUDO]

HE WANTED TO MEET ALL ALONG.

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CHAPTER 34: JAPANESE CHAMPION

RIKU AZAMI WALKING THE PATH OF BOXING!

...HUH... WHY...?!
WHY IS TOKORO-ZAWA IN FRONT OF ME?!
.....
.....
...
=/ャ!!
N- NO...
...HUH? WHA- WHAT'S... WITH THIS...
WAIT...!
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...OW!
I HAD PLENTY OF THINGS TO TELL HIM TOO.
PLEASE WAIT!!!
I CAN'T SAY ANY-THING...
...BUT.
MR. TOKORO-ZAWA!!!
I'VE GOT TO TELL HIM THIS NO MATTER WHAT...
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HH!!
HH!!
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YOU TOOK TOO MANY RIGHT HOOKS AND LEFT SHORT UPPERS.
GET A PROUDER EXPRESSION TO MATCH THAT FEAT.

YES, SIR!
!
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YOU'VE WON YOUR RIGHTS FOR A NEXT TIME SO DON'T THINK OF ANYTHING YOU SHOULDN'T BE THINKING OF.
I SHOULD SHIFT MY FOCUS ON...
ON THE SECOND ROUND, ON MY FIGHT AGAINST HYODO, ONE MONTH FROM NOW!

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WE'RE THIRD YEARS NOW. GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO START THINKING ABOUT WHAT WE WANT TO DO IN THE FUTURE
A PETAL GOT STUCK IN MY MOUTH!
EW!!
FUCK!
PFT!
SAKURA TREES SHOULD JUST DIE!!
Ha ha ha
WHICH CLASS ARE YOU IN?

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SPEAKING OF WHICH, IT'LL BE OUR LAST YEAR THERE TOO.
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SA...
I'VE GOT SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO TELL YOU...
DO YOU HAVE TIME THIS WEEK ON SUNDAY? YOU'RE ON A BREAK FROM BOXING RIGHT?

KID, YOU'LL ONLY BE HAVING LIGHT TRAINING UNTIL YOU HEAL UP.
I KNOW YOU'RE IMPATIENT SINCE IT'S RIGHT BEFORE YOUR FIGHT AGAINST HYODO, BUT HE WON WITH A 1 ROUND KO WITHOUT HAVING TO GIVE HIS FULLEST AND IS IN A BETTER CONDITION...
...I AM BUT...
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...SO, GO DO SOME STUDYING ON COUNTER PUNCHES DURING YOUR BREAK.
GO SEE THE JAPANESE LIGHT-WEIGHT TITLE MATCH.
...I'M SORRY NAESHIRO. ON THAT DAY, I...

I BOUGHT A TICKET TO A FIGHT THERE IS ON SUNDAY...
HUH...? THAT FIGHT IS...
I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT IT'LL BE ABOUT BUT HOW ABOUT WE GO TOGETHER?
兵動ボクシング
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SIGN: HYODO BOXING

CLENCH
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
HE SEEMS TO BE AIMING FOR A COUNTER WITH HIS PUNCHES BUT FOR THE MAJORITY HE'S BIDDING HIS TIME AND USING LURES HYODO REALLY IS IMPRESSIVE
THEY'RE BOTH READING AND FENDING OFF EACH OTHER'S PUNCHES ONE AFTER ANOTHER..!
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PSCH!
TCH!
WHAT'S GOT YOU SO ANGRY?
FUCK... SO MUCH POLLEN. GOING TO THE HOSPITAL WOULD BE SUCH A WASTE OF TIME...
SNIFF...
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PSCH!

SPEAKING OF WHICH, WHAT DID YOU THINK OF HIS FIGHT LAST WEEK?
"3"
FOR A NOBODY TOO.
WHY D'YOU TAKE A DETOUR TO WASTE YOUR TIME ON THE ROOKIE KING?

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WITH YOUR ABILITY AND THE GYM'S INFLUENCE YOU COULD HAVE STARTED AT THE B-LEVEL, RIGHT BELOW THE JAPANESE RANKERS AND CHALLENGED ME, THE JAPANESE CHAMPION IN AS LITTLE AS SIX FIGHTS.
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE PERFECT TIME TO ESTABLISH A WORLD RECORD AND DISTINGUISH YOURSELF FROM THE NUMEROUS OTHER LIGHTWEIGHTS..
HE'S WORTHLESS.
YOU'RE NO PRO IF YOU'RE NOT EVEN ABLE TO MAKE PEOPLE HAVE FUN WATCHING A GOOD FIGHT.
HYODO... YOU...
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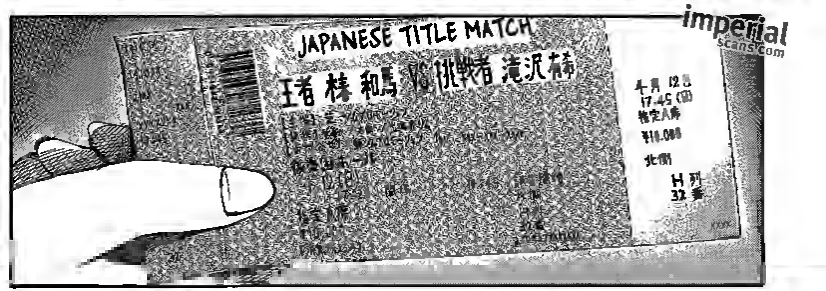

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IT'S ALL SO SHITTY!!
HAPPY NEW YEAR.
LOOO-VE!!
[RIKUDO]
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BOX. FUNDS BOX
LOVE AND PEACE. ALL OF IT!
GIVE US SOME LOVE
HELP US IN OUR FUND RAIS-ING!
募金箱

CHAPTER 35: NAESHIRO'S FEELINGS
THE LATEST VOLUME IS FLYING OFF THE SHELVES!
NAESHIRO, WAITING FOR RIKU.
LIFE'S FULL OF LOVE AND HOPE! NEVER GIVE UP, LET'S GO BABY!
PLEEE EASE!!
TWII- IING
リクヴ
Riku
TOSHIMITSU MATSUBARA
HAPPY NEW YEAR
THIS YEAR, RIKU AZAMI'S BOXING PATH WILL ONCE AGAIN GO TO EXTREMES!
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ALL RIGHT... LET'S GO WATCH THE FIGHT ON THAT DAY...
I NEVER THOUGHT HE'D AGREE... THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAPPENED...
NAE-SHIRO.
RIKU!

Chad MaXX
WHA-MM!
BELIEVE YOUR GUT AND LIVE YOUR LIFE!! BROTHERS!!
WHA-MM!
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GHHHNG
KAC
...YEAH.
BECAUSE I CAN MOVE A LITTLE BIT BETTER THAN BEFORE NOW
HM? YOUR OUTFIT... WERE YOU TRAINING?
.....

SORRY TO ASK YOU OUT EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE BUSY. WE SHOULD'VE JUST MET UP RIGHT BEFORE THE START OF THE FIGHT...
HE'S THE SAME AS ALWAYS...
NO, IT'S FINE
BUT...
RIKU.
GUESS I'LL HAVE TO MAKE DO.
LET'S GO!
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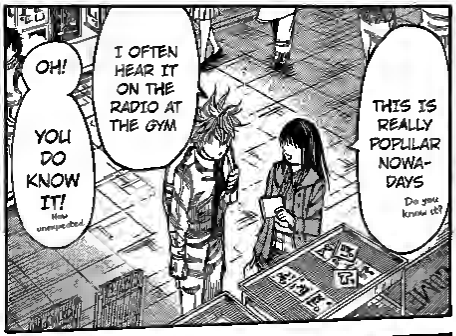

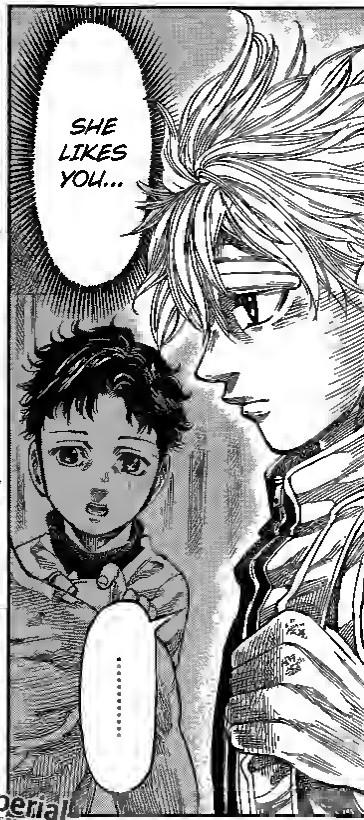

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LET'S GO CHECK SOME CLOTHES OUT.
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO GO TO AN ARCADE AT LEAST ONCE TOO, YOU KNOW?
ALSO.. AND THEN
THE GIRLS SAY IT'S BECAUSE SHE DOESN'T WANT TO BE SEPARATED FROM YOU....
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.....
SURE.

IS IT REALLY ALL RIGHT TO TRY THEM ON EVEN THOUGH WE WON'T BE BUYING THEM?
THEY SUIT YOU.
DON'T WORRY. IT DOESN'T COST ANYTHING TO TRY ON CLOTHES
HERE, TRY THIS TOO.

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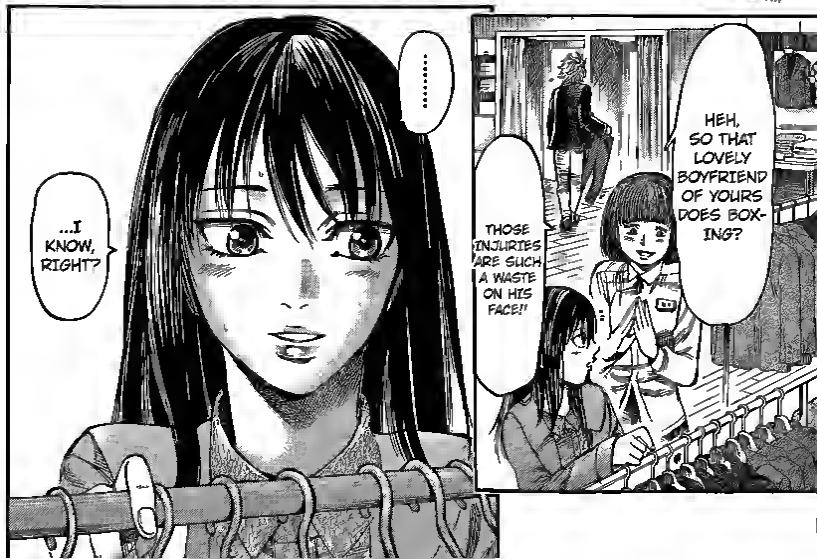
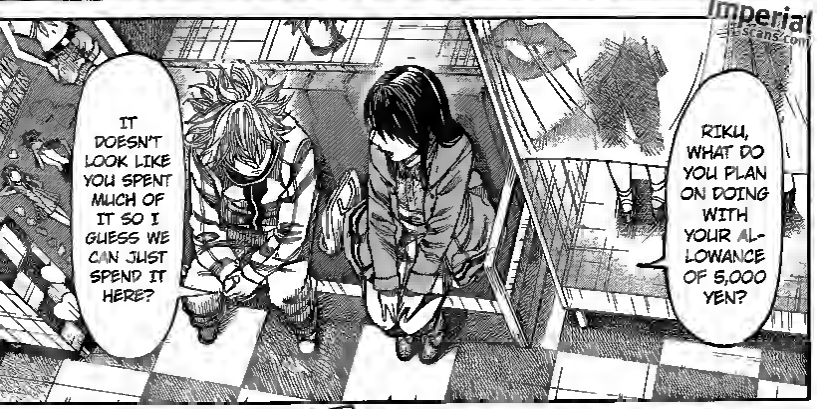


WOMEN'S FLOO
ENTRANCE WILL BE REFUSED TO MEN
THE PUBLIKURA ON THE 5TH FLOO
SWEETS
CAFE


IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE YOU SPENT MUCH OF IT SO I GUESS WE CAN JUST SPEND IT HERE?
RIKU, WHAT DO YOU PLAN ON DOING WITH YOUR AL-LOWANCE OF 5,000 YEN?

AH!
RIKU, THE BOOTH IS FREE!!
.....!
HUH? YOU HAVE TO PAY FOR ALL THAT?
THEN I'VE GOT THE FEE FOR THE ROOKIE KING, SO I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY MONEY ON ME RIGHT NOW
...THAT'S NOT REALLY TRUE. I'M PAYING FOR THE GYM LIT-TLE BY LITTLE...

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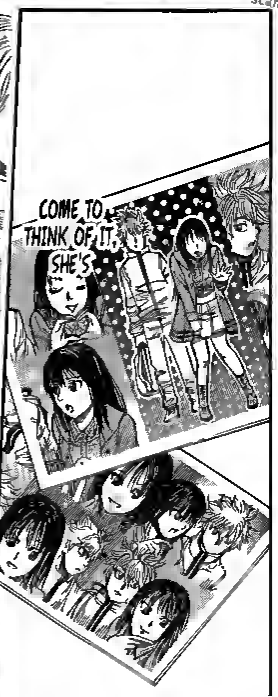

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ああ!
ああ!

I CAN SMELL HIS SWEAT...
...タタン
タタン...
RIKU, WERE YOU ON DUTY FOR YESTERDAY'S BREAKFAST?
THE OMELETS WERE SO POPULAR THAT NONNY TRIED TO STEAL TAICHI'S OMELETE
THESE KIDS, I SWEAR...
.....

SAY...
NAE-SHIRO.
THE FIGHT'S ABOUT TO START SO
WHY DON'T YOU GO AHEAD AND TELL ME WHAT YOU WANTED TO?
IT'S ALREADY TIME, HUH...?
ジャ...
AHHH.
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IT WAS SO MUCH FUN...
I WONDER IF THAT'S HOW IT ALWAYS IS FOR COUPLES AROUND THE WORLD
!
SORRY I'M ONLY SAYING THAT BECAUSE IT'S THE FIRST TIME JUST THE TWO OF US HAVE GONE OUT.
CAN I ASK YOU SOME-THING BEFORE I SAY WHAT'S ON MY MIND?
HAVE YOU ACTUALLY GIVEN ANY THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT YOU WILL DO AFTER LEAVING THE OR-PHANAGE?
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THAT GYM IS NOT FIT FOR LIVING!! IT'S NO GOOD!!
I DON'T REALLY MIND THOUGH.
It's enough for me.
.....
THE CHAIRMAN SAID I COULD JUST WORK SOMEWHERE WHILE LIVING AT THE GYM.
I'M THINKING OF WORKING AT EITHER A STORE CLOSE TO THE GYM OR A CLEANING COMPANY.
RI-
RIKU...
YOU SEE... THE DIRECTOR WILL COSIGN AND IS GOING TO LOOK FOR A PLACE FOR US...
HUH?
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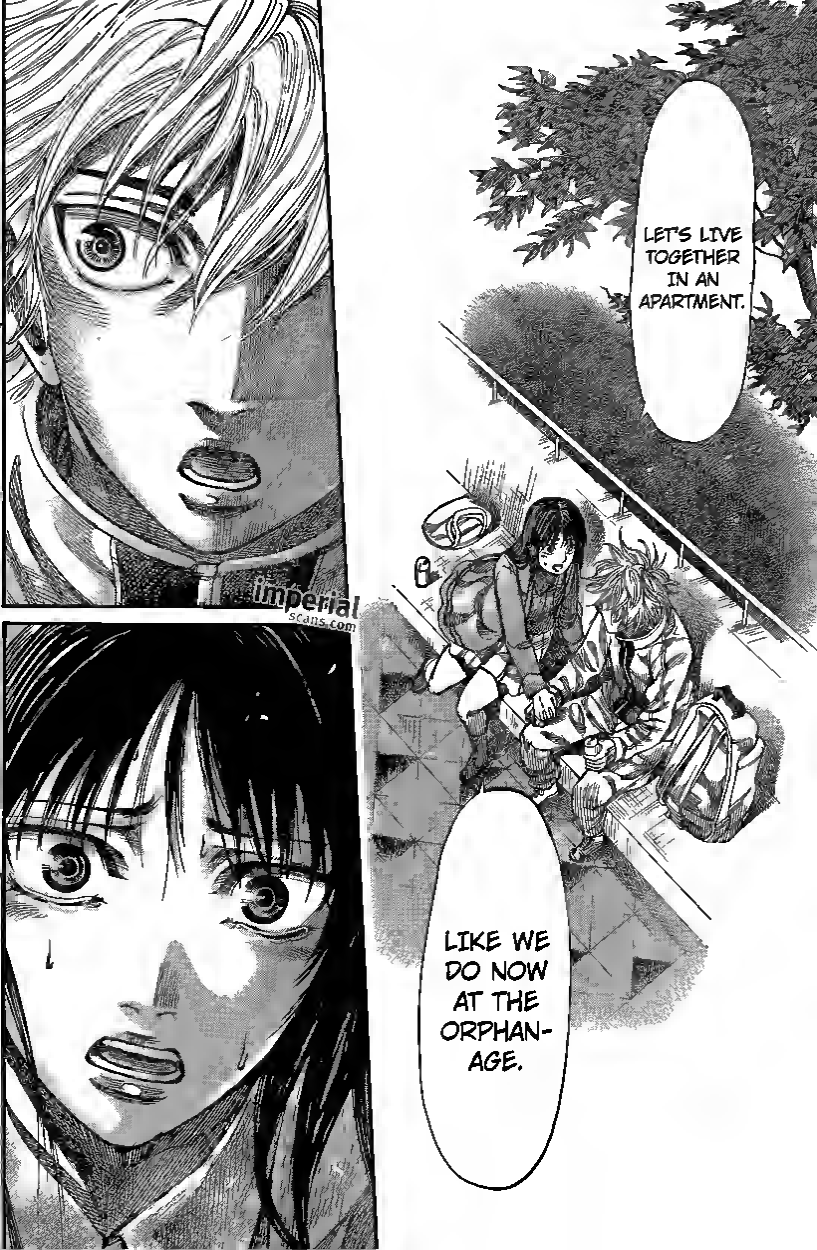

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FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS, I PLAN ON WORKING WHILE GOING TO TRAINING SCHOOL... ALL TO BECOME A PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANT I KNOW THOSE TWO YEARS WILL BE TOUGH BUT...
WITH A "HOME" TO RETURN TO, I'LL PULL THROUGH, NO MATTER HOW DIFFICULT IT GETS
IT'S THE SAME FOR YOU.
THERE ARE LOTS OF THINGS YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO DO IF YOU'RE BY YOURSELF!
I KNOW IT!!
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.....
WHY DO YOU WANT TO LIVE... WITH ME?

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CHAPTER 36: LIKE CHARCOAL

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TOSHIMITSU MATSUBARA

MOM LET'S PICK UP THE BONES STARTING FROM THE LEGS
YUKI? COME OVER HERE
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THE URN'S A LITTLE HOT SO BE CAREFUL, OK?
LET'S RETURN TO HALL, YUKI.
WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO HER?
.....
受付
WHY ARE YOU ASKING THAT... OF COURSE WE'LL HAVE TO ADOPT—
I ARRANGED MY SISTER'S FUNERAL, I'VE DONE ENOUGH — I SHOULDN'T HAVE TO DO MORE FOR SOMEONE WHO ACTED LIKE A STRANGER
SCRATCH
CRACK

IT MAKES A CRUNCHING SOUND AH! THIS FART IS HARD
LOOKS LIKE CHARCOAL.
I DIDN'T KNOW BONES WERE LIKE THIS
CRACK
SCRATCH
ポコ
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SHUT UP!
This place is so dull.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? HURRY UP AND COME HERE
YOU'LL MOST LIKELY HAVE TO MOVE FAR AWAY TO THE COUNTRYSIDE...
...DO YOU WANT TO GO BACK TO THE ORPHANAGE FOR NOW? OR WOULD YOU PREFER TO COME TO YOUR UNCLE'S HOUSE?
YUKI, WHAT WILL YOU DO NOW?

HIS EYES LOOK HOLLOW...
...NO, I'LL GO BACK TO THE ORPHANAGE...
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I HAVE... NO REAL FAMILY LEFT ANYWHERE.
I SEE.
I'M... FINE...

THAT'S WHY
BE-CAUSE I LIKE YOU!!
I'LL HAVE TO MAKE ONE MYSELF...
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I'VE FELT THE SAME EVER SINCE I FIRST SAW YOU...
I DON'T UNDER-ST.ND WHY BUT...
THE MOMENT I MET YOU, I'VE WANTED TO BECOME HAPPY WITH YOU.
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RIKU...
FOSTER PARENTS... WOULDN'T BE MY "REAL" PAR-ENTS. I'D HATE IT THERE.
I WANT TO BE WITH YOU IN-STEAD.

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SHIVER
CLENCH
SQUEEZE
RIKU
?!!
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RIKU...
HM... HM...
YOU'RE SHAKING... HUH?
WHAT'S WRONG?
SO THE RUMORS ABOUT YOU REFUSING PROSPECTIVE FOSTER PARENTS BECAUSE OF ME WERE TRUE...
I'M SORRY... I... DON'T KNOW WHAT I SHOULD DO...
WE CAN'T LIVE TOGETHER... I'LL BE GETTING EVEN MORE HURT FROM NOW ON... I DON'T WANT TO TROUBLE YOU MORE THAN I ALREADY HAVE.
...IF ONLY... I COULD DO SOMETHING ELSE...
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POSTER JAPANESE TITLE MATCH

...I KNEW IT, YOU'RE REALLY NOT CUT OUT FOR BOXING, RIKU.

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YOU'RE TOO KIND...
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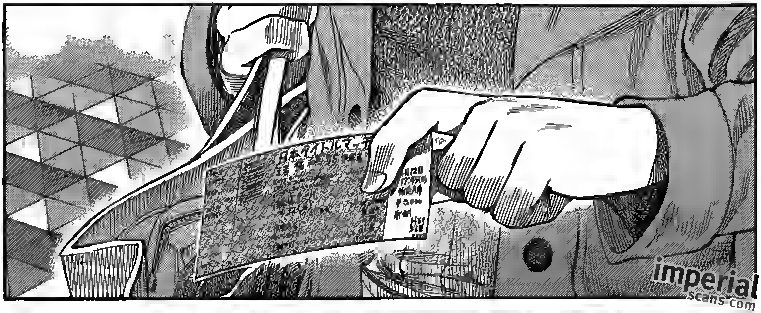
YOU SHOULD HAVE JUST REFUSED... TO GO OUT WITH ME TODAY...
JUST BECAUSE OF SYMPA-THY...
HEARING THAT NOW MAKES IT MORE PAINFUL...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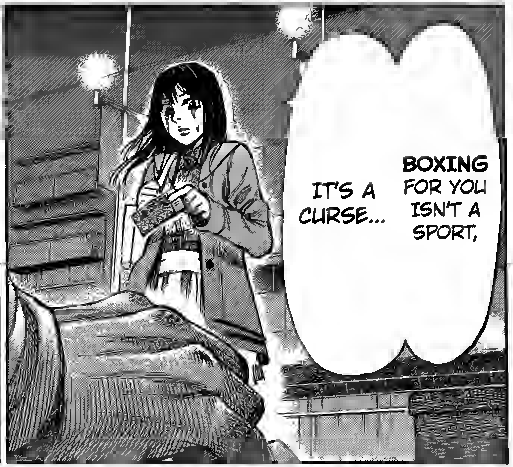
BOXING FOR YOU ISN'T A SPORT,
IT'S A CURSE...

ONE THAT BRINGS SADNESS WHENEVER YOU AIM FOR HAPPINESS...
AFTER ALL, PEOPLE...

ALL TURN TO CHARCOAL IN THE END...
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SFX: TEAR

SO, WHAT ABOUT IT?
THAT SOUTH PAW IS HERE?
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EVEN SHOW BUSINESS WISE THERE'S NONE.
NEITHER IS THERE AS A BOXER.
THERE'D BE NO MERIT FOR ME. I WON'T FIGHT HIM.
HE'S AIMING FOR YOUR JAPANESE BELT, MR TSUBAKI.
NEXT ISSUE: TIME FOR THE CHAMPION'S FIGHT!
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END▸RIKUDO

日本タイトルマッチ
ライト級
椿和馬 VS 滝沢有希
ONGOING
OPENING
ACT.
[RIKUDO]
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RIKU...
TAP
TAP
YOU'RE REALLY NOT CUT OUT FOR BOXING.

ALWAYS WATCHING FROM THE SIDE THAT DEALS THE FINAL BLOW.
CHAPTER 37: ABSURD FEELINGS
YOU ARE TOO KIND.
TAP
RIKU
TOSHIMITSU MATSUBARA
VOLUMES 1–2 ARE NOW FLYING OFF THE SHELVES!
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GREATLY POPULAR AND WELL RECEIVED! WATCH RIKU AZAMI AS HE GOES TO THE EDGE IN THIS BOXING STORY!

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カーン
THE SEMI-FINALS ARE OVER ALREADY!
AWE-SOME!
……
YOU'RE A KIND KID THAT HAS KNOWN PAIN...
MS. EHARA, WHO I COULDN'T PROTECT, TOLD ME THE SAME THING .
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I... DIDN'T WANT ANYONE TO TELL ME THAT AGAIN...
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WHY ARE YOU PICKING THEM UP?
THOSE WEREN'T CHEAP... YET, YOU STILL BOUGHT THEM, NAESHIRO...
I'M GOING HOME SO GO WATCH IT BY YOURSELF AND JUST DO WHATEVER "RESEARCH" YOU HAVE TO DO, RIKU.
?

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BUT FOR SOME REASON
I... ALSO ANGERED NAESHIRO.
IN THE END, NOT ONLY DID I END UP GOING TO SEE THE FIGHT BY MYSELF
OH?
HUH?
I DON'T UNDER-STAND WHY...
RISU
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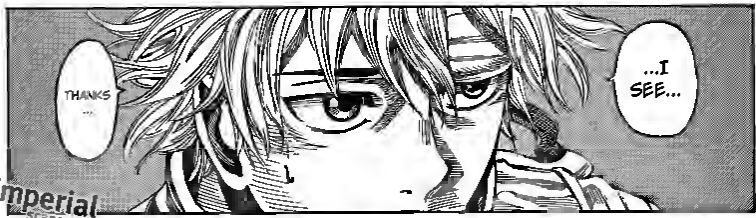
?
...WHAT? ...WHO ARE YOU?
YOU LOOK LIKE QUITE THE FRENCH KISSER LEFTY. HOW COULD A C-CLASS LIKE YOU SEDUCE A WOMAN?
CAN'T BELIEVE YOU WERE KISSING LIKE THAT IN PUBLIC.
WHAT?
OH!
REPORTERS!
HERE'S AZAMI, HE'S SCHEDULED TO FIGHT HYODO!
RANK 5... IN THE LIGHTWEIGHT DIVISION.
INTERVIEW ME TOO!
I'M RANK 5 IN THE LIGHTWEIGHT DIVISION, MY NAME IS YUICHI MIHARA.

HOW DID YOU COME TO KNOW HYODO?
.....
UMM... HE APPROACHED ME....
I SAW YOUR FIRST FIGHT. YOU ATTACK PRETTY FIERCELY YOU'D NEVER THINK THAT SEEING YOUR FACE
YOU'RE AN ORPHAN, RIGHT? I'LL BE CHEERING YOU ON.



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WHAT ABOUT YOUR SELF-CONFIDENCE?
YOU DO KNOW THAT IF YOU BEAT HYODO YOUR NAME WILL BE KNOWN NATIONWIDE, RIGHT?
CONFIDENCE RIGHT?

I'VE NEVER HAD ANY, EVEN NOW.
AND IT'S NOT ABOUT FACING HYODO...
7
OH!
THE MAIN EVENT THE AWAITED JAPANESE TITLE MATCH IS GONNA START SOON THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, AZAMI
HEY!! WHAT ABOUT ME...
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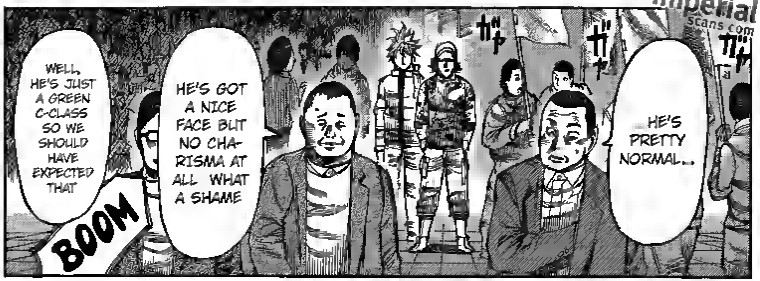
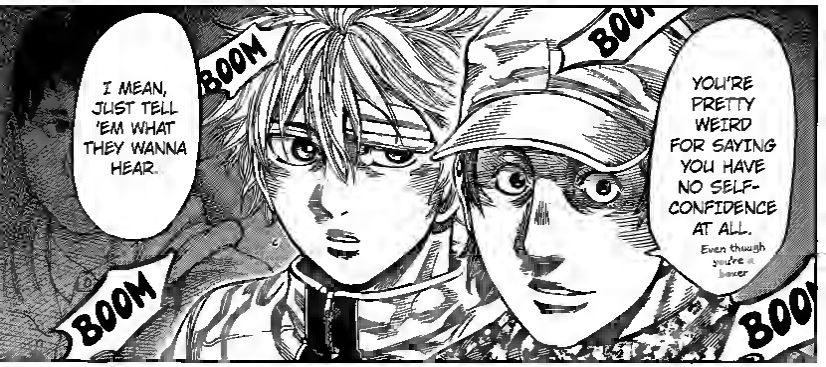

...HE'S PRETTY NORMAL...
HE'S GOT A NICE FACE BUT NO CHARISMA AT ALL WHAT A SHAME
WELL, HE'S JUST A GREEN C-CLASS SO WE SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED THAT
BOOM


YOU'RE PRETTY WEIRD FOR SAYING YOU HAVE NO SELF-CONFIDENCE AT ALL.
Even though you're a boxer
I MEAN, JUST TELL 'EM WHAT THEY WANNA HEAR.
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM

LOOKS LIKE A LOT OF TICKETS WERE SOLD I GUESS HE SOLD THEM BY HIMSELF WHEN HE HAD TO MR. TSUBAKI STILL GIVES IT HIS BEST EVEN THOUGH HE'S THE CHAMPION NOW
椿和馬
LIKE WHEN SELLING TICKETS AND STUFF.
.....
BOOM

THERE HE IS!! IT'S JACK KNIFE!!

JAPAN CHAMPION
箱和馬
JAPAN CHAMPION
THE JAPANESE... CHAMPION BELT...
THAT BELT. IT'S BELOW THE OPBF BELT, RIGHT?
HUH?
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OF COURSE IT IS, BUT IT STILL PROVES HE'S THE BEST IN JAPAN.
YOU ALSO WANT SOME PROOF FOR YOUR STRENGTH, RIGHT?
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IT'S THE PROOF...
THAT TOKOROZAWA ACQUIRED ON HIS WAY TO THE OPBF BELT...
JAPAN CHAMPION
...I DO...
ボソ
EXIT

I WONDER... IF YOU'LL REALLY FIND HAPPINESS WITH BOXING.
BLOODSHED
IS ALL YOU'VE SEEN.
TODAY'S MAIN EVENT, THE JAPANESE TITLE MATCH OF THE LIGHTWEIGHT DIVISION WILL NOW BE STARTING.
GOO OOH!
TAKIZAWAAA!!
TSU-
-KIII!!
-KIII!!
THE CHAMPION SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED HIS TITLE FOR THE SECOND TIME LAST DECEMBER.
HE'LL FINALLY FACE TAKIZAWA, RANKED 3RD IN THE JAPANESE RANKING...
I'M SORRY, NAE-SHIRO...
I CAN'T EXPRESS IT ALL THAT WELL BUT...

EVEN IF IT'S ONLY TO PROVE MY WORTH.
I WOULD BE READY TO DIE...
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ROUND 1.

LOOKING AT IT NOW, I CAN TELL HE'S COME TO SHED BLOOD...
THE POLISHED AND SHARPENED BODY OF THE CHAMPION...
TAP...
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DO YOUR BEST, TAKI-ZAWA AA!!
TAP
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CHAPTER 38:-
MEETING WITH THE CHAMPION
WILL HE KEEP ON LIVING BY SWINGING HIS FISTS?
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RIKUDO
TOSHIMITSU MATSUBARA
VOLUMES 1-2 ARE NOW FLYING OF THE SHELVES!
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GREATLY POPULAR AND WELL RECEIVED! THIS IS A BOXING STORY WITH REALISM THAT MAKES YOU SEE A HOLLOW
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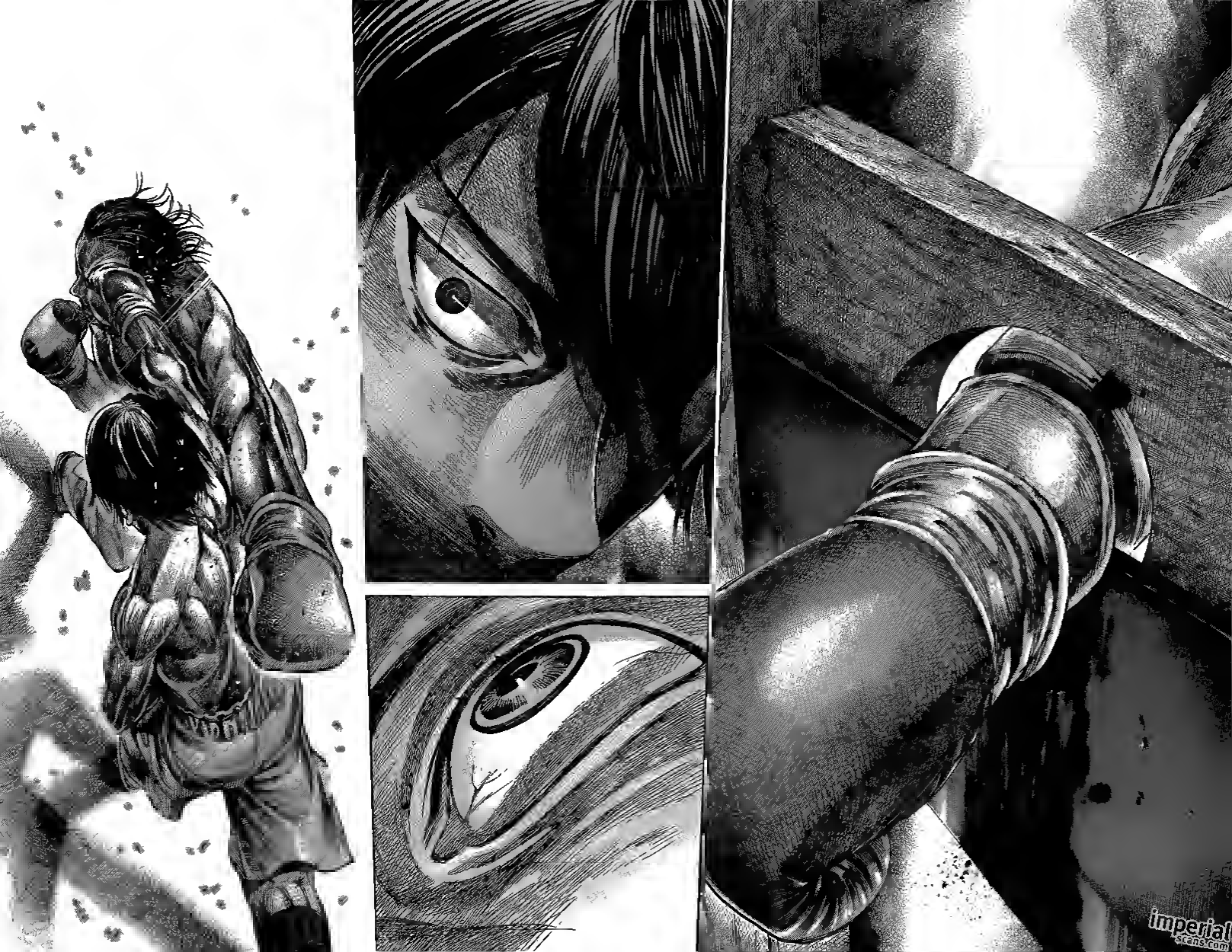
WILL THIS LIGHTWEIGHT DIVISION FIGHT BECOME TSUKI'S 3RD DEFENSE OF THE JAPANESE TITLE?
THE CHAMPION IN RIKU'S WEIGHT-CLASS!
AND THE CHAMPION TAKES UP THE PHILLY SHELL GUARD, INVITING HIS OPPONENT INTO ATTACKING SINCE HE'S SO GOOD AT COUNTERING.
HE'S ALSO PRETTY GOOD AT USING FLICKERS.
THE QUESTION NOW IS WHETHER OR NOT THE CHALLENGER, TAKIZAWA, WHO'S RANKED 3RD IN JAPAN, CAN LAND ANY BLOWS ON HIM.
AH!
THAT REMINDS ME, HIS WIFE JUST GAVE BIRTH TO A SON. HE SEEMS TO HAVE NAMED HIM AFTER A BOXER HE ADMIRES: GOLOVKIN.
WITH LUCK, IF TAKIZAWA BECOMES THE CHAMPION TONIGHT,
HE'LL GO BACK HOME TO HOLD HIS SON IN HIS ARMS.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THERE GOES THE CHAM-PION'S RIGHT!!
NOW!
DID THIS PUNCH GET TO HIM OR NOT?!
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YOU WILLINGLY PUT YOUR ARM IN THE HOLE OF THE GUILLO-TINE...
IT GOT CUT OFF BECAUSE YOU WERE UNABLE TO READ THREE MOVES AHEAD.
PAOOM!
PAOOM!
WHOOSH
WHOOSH

THERE, THAT ONE PUNCH JUST BLEW AWAY ALL OF THE EFFORTS YOU MADE.
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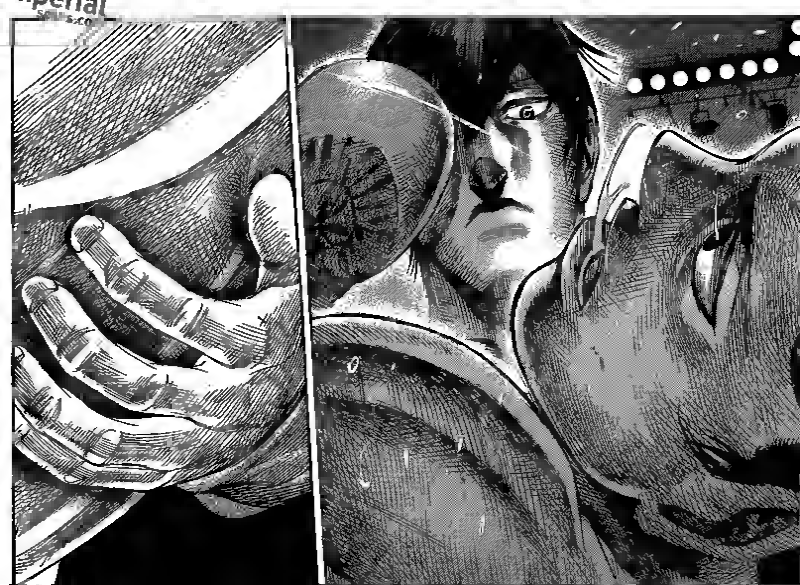
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO...
FWOOSH
WITH NO USELESS MOVEMENTS, LAND A COUNTER EXACTLY WHERE YOU'LL BE NEXT...
EFFI-CIENTLY AND

AND FINISH IT.



AH!! TAKIZAWA'S SIDE PUT A STOP TO THE FIGHT!!
UNBELIEVABLE!! THE CHALLENGER'S FIRST TITLE MATCH ENDED WITH A SINGLE ROUND!!
THAT'S HOW SHARP TSUBAKI'S JACK KNIFE IS!!
IT ENDED ON A DECISIVE JUDGEMENT...
WELL... TO ME ALL THAT MEANS IS THAT I COULD ONLY FINISH HIM HALFWAY.
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LOOKS LIKE HIS RIGHT COUNTER WORKED AFTER ALL
...THEY'RE SIMILAR...

HYODO'S
AND THE CHAMPION'S AURA.
IF YOU COMPARE IT WITH MINE, IT'D HAVE ENDED THE SAME WAY.
I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REACT.
THE CHAMPION COULD SEE THROUGH ALL THE CHALLENGER'S PUNCHES AHEAD OF TIME.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE JAPAN HAS BEEN ABLE TO SEIZE THE BELT IN THE LIGHTWEIGHT DIVISION BUT I'LL TAKE IT ONCE AGAIN.
SO THE PEOPLE ON THAT LEVEL ARE SURROUNDED BY AN AURA LIKE THAT...
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MR. TSUBAKI'S SO COOL WINNING LIKE THAT.
OH! YOU WERE SITTING NEXT TO ME, MR MIHARA.
HM? NAH, THAT'S CAUSE THIS RESERVED SEAT STAYED FREE.
ANYWAY, WHERE IS YOUR CUTE GIRLFRIEND? THE ONE YOU BROUGHT ALONG.
SHE'S NOT MY GIRL-FRIEND.
OH?!
DID YOU FIGHT OR SOME-THING? BWAHAHA
SINCE YOU'RE BY YOURSELF, WANNA COME SEE SOME-THING FOR A BIT?
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SFX: HAHAHAHA
ROOM C
THEY'RE ON FIRE
HOW ABOUT WE WAIT SOME MORE?
I'LL LET YOU MEET MR TSUBAKI.
NO... I'LL...
COME ON, MAN!
HEHE.
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SO MANY PEOPLE GATHER UP AROUND THE CHAMPION AFTER HE'S WON...
IT'S NOTHING LIKE WHEN A G LEVEL WINS.
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AT-
CHO OO!
HEY MIHARA...

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HUH? THANKS FOR GIVING ME SOME OF YOUR TIME EARLIER, AZAMI.
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PF PFFFT
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I WANT TO UPDATE THE MOBILE PAGE FOR THE NEWCOMER'S PROFILES BY ADDING YOU TO IT SO
COULD YOU TELL ME WHO YOUR FAVORITE FIGHTER IS AND WHAT YOUR GOALS ARE?
HM...
...IT'S KYOSUKE... TOKOROZAWA...
MY GOAL... IS TO MAKE THE OPBF BELT HE HAD... MINE.

TOKORO ZAWA! IT'D BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'D HEARD OF HIM, THANK YOU
HAH
MR TSUBAKI?
SORRY... I WAS JUST THINKING "WHAT'S HE GONNA DO AFTER HE TAKES IT?"
UNTIL HE GETS PAIRED IN A TITLE FIGHT, THE DEFENSE WILL STEADILY GET HARDER AND HARDER.
NOT TO MENTION THAT YOU SAY YOU ARE AIMING FOR THE VACANT OPBF TITLE.
THINKING IT WILL BE A NICE ADDITION TO YOUR STATUS... IF YOU CAN GET IT.
HOWEVER, IT'LL BE WORTHLESS IN THE EYES OF THE WORLD.
OPBF
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MY JUNIOR HYODO AND I COULD JUST TAKE THE OPBF IF WE WANTED TO.
I'M SURE HE'D EVEN BE ABLE TO CONQUER SEVERAL CLASSES.
THE OPBF IS WORTHLESS?
NO... MOST IMPORTANTLY, HYODO COULD TAKE THE BELT FOR HIMSELF?
IN THAT CASE...
MY NEXT FIGHT...
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HE WAS AKITO HYODO'S FINAL OPPONENT.
AKITO HYODO, WHO WAS THE LIGHTWEIGHT DIVISION WORLD CHAMPION AT THE TIME AND IS NOW CHAIRMAN OF THE HYODO GYM.
I WONDER IF IT'S MUCH OF A COINCIDENCE IF HIS SON HAS HIS EYES ON THE JUNIOR OF THE BOXER WHO DEFEATED HIS FATHER.
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